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Brunswick South PRIMARY SCHOOL

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our values –
the moral fibre which
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ASSEMBLY DATES

- Monday 22 March 9am
Senior School (3/4 Hosting)
- Thursday 1 April 2pm
Whole School
(Foundation Hosting)

CALENDAR DATES

- MARCH**
- Mon 8 Labour Day Public Holiday
No School
- Mon 15-Wed 17 YR 5/6 Camp
- Tues 23 Student Lead Conferences
Students Finish School at 12pm
- APRIL**
- Thur 1 Last Day of Term

Thursday 1 April
Last Day Of Term
2.30pm Finish

LE NOTIZIE DI TREVOR

A fortnight is a long time in a school and sitting down to write this has prompted me to think about all the different things our students, staff and families have been involved in over the past couple of weeks.

ASSEMBLY

Last week we held our first whole school assembly and this week we had our junior school assembly. I had a couple of new parents approach me at the end and marvel at how 'student-led' our assemblies are. I'd taken for granted how proficient our kids are at leading assemblies and step into this role right from their first moment at school. Being led by the students also allows our assemblies to showcase, share and celebrate the work of all our learners and achievements as a school. Our next senior assembly is on Monday 22 March at 9am and our whole school end of term assembly will be on Thursday 1 April at 2pm – we'd love to see you there!

SCHOOL REVIEW

I've had a few days out of the school in recent weeks and during this time I've been supporting Footscray Primary School in their School Review. For those who aren't aware, we are no longer the only Italian bilingual school in Victoria – we now share the stage with Footscray who are building their program. It's a privilege to develop a connection with Footscray and have the opportunity to support them further in their journey, share resources and learn alongside each other.

SCHOOL TOURS

This week we conducted our first school tour in almost a year. I might have been a little rusty, but soon remembered how much I enjoy the opportunity to share our school with prospective students and their families. Understandably the highlight of the tour for the kids perspective is always the playground, but for families the chance to see how our learning areas teach each child through two languages is always the icing on the cake. The synergy and connection between English and Italian is the best it's been at BSPS and offers our kids a seamless learning experience.

INCLUSION ACTION TEAM

In recent years we have evolved our student leadership structures at BSPS and look to provide

more authentic opportunities for our students to lead and take action within our community. You might remember the notion of a 'Student Council' where leadership opportunities are allocated to only a small amount of students each year. At BSPS, our approach has been to build Student Action Teams around current issues or specific areas of interest for our kids which can serve a short or long term purpose in getting kids actively involved in leading change within and beyond the school. Our Inclusion Action Team is up and running for 2021 and supported by Caro. The kids have set about some actions to make our school community a more inclusive place for all. Turn to page 4 to read more from the team and their mission for inclusion at BSPS.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Last week we met with our School Council for the final meeting with the 2020 council members. Oddly, it was only the second time we'd been able to meet in person, with the rest of our meetings moving virtual in 2020. We reflected on the challenges from last year and, although our progress felt halted, we advanced on a number of key areas over the year including our connection with Co.As.It who are providing funds to upgrade our art room and work towards a Masterplan which will be an aspirational guide for the development (and redevelopment) of our buildings and grounds in coming years.

Council also endorsed our 2021 Annual Implementation Plan, which can be found on our website, alongside an 'at a glance' document to support families to build understanding of the key actions that guide our journey of school improvement.

We also acknowledged and thanked Madeleine Aikenhead and Jean-Pierre Masclef for their ongoing commitment to our school. Both Madeleine and Jean-Pierre have made significant contributions to the school, specifically in Community and Fundraising and Policy and Governance and we look forward to further opportunities for them to support our school in different ways.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

The confirmed date for Student Led Conferences will be Tuesday 23 March from 1.00-7.00pm. Students will be dismissed on this day at 12.00pm and students will attend their session with parents and carers in the afternoon. Booking details will be distributed ASAP to allow you to book a time with one of your child's teachers. This session will be led by your child and an opportunity for them to share their learning successes and next steps with you. TeamKids will provide care for families from 12pm-6pm.

It's been such a productive fortnight that I think we've all earned a long weekend. Have a great extended break and I'll see you all next Tuesday!

Ciao, Trevor

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Hello families,

The School Council met last Tuesday 23 February, for the final meeting of current members and first meeting of 2021. This weird "is it 2020 or 2021?" meeting allowed the current council to progress committee action plans for the year ahead and sign off on the proposed financial statements.

This meeting also provided an opportunity to farewell departing members of the team. We would like to acknowledge the significant contributions made by both Jean-Pierre Masclef and Madeleine Aikenhead who have not renominated for election this year. We also welcome incoming members to the Council - Annie Ronzan and Romina Beltrame - who will join us next month. Welcome.

We also acknowledged the Foundation parents who have joined the school community and have hopefully settled into the rhythms of BSPS.

Last year was a difficult year for everyone and frustrating for councillors with most of our plans lying dormant for the year. We are hoping 2021 can be a year of building community and action around the school. It is fair to say there has been a hesitance to plan fantastic events as we emerge to a new normal. We look forward to activities picking up in term 2.

Despite this hesitance to go full throttle, we will be holding an end of term picnic on Thursday 25 March from 3.45-6 pm. Families are invited to come along and catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Bring a picnic and rug and enjoy a casual afternoon on school grounds. More details coming soon.

Our annual Winter Solstice will also proceed on Saturday 19 June. With the return of the Green Man and ever popular lantern parade. It is sure to be a wonderful night.

Other updates include:

1. Visit from Ward Councillors from Moreland to discuss a number of proposed works for around the school. We talked about the following works

- ♦ **Linear Park playground space – shared by the school and community**

- ♦ **Greening and reduction of road width to the extension of Rathdowne street (East of the school)**
- ♦ **Traffic safety generally**

Subsequently, the Deputy Mayor Mark O'Reilly raised a motion to get these items into the Council cycle. While we wait on funding for large scale works, we plan to address the dwindling play equipment for our senior students. This has been an issue for some time and the School Council is keen to install some equipment in the first half of the year with proceeds from fundraising. Quotes are currently being obtained.

2. COASIT has generously announced a contribution to upgrade of our art room. Art is one of the fundamental subjects under the Bilingual program. Our formal announcement was kyboshed by the mini lockdown, but we are greatly appreciative of this enduring partnership.

3. Masterplan – An engagement with the school community will be undertaken to communicate the work undertaken to assist in guiding the future direction for the school grounds. Look out for dates and information in the coming weeks.

4. Council priorities – We established some goals for the council for 2021 including continuing our work in bilingual pathways, benchmarking of the bilingual program, securing funding for Capital works and emphasising our community connections through any planned events.

We are keen to encourage everyone to get involved and active within the school. If you have a keen interest in any of the Council sub-committees (Building and Grounds, Finance, Fundraising, Policy or our Bilingual program) or have any other queries please get in touch with School Council via brunswick.south.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or my email address directly via henry.james.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

As always, stay safe and stay connected.

Best Wishes

James Henry

School Council President

BSPS SCHOOL COUNCIL

- ♦ **President** James Henry
- ♦ **Vice President** Madeleine Aikenhead
- ♦ **Treasurer** Dan Ziffer
- ♦ **Parent Members** Vicky Wilson
- ♦ **Community Members** John Hajek, James Henry
- ♦ **DET** Trevor Strolla, Marg Weymouth, Sarah Pavlidis

SUB COMMITTEES

- ♦ **Building and Grounds** James Henry
- ♦ **Policies** Marg Weymouth
- ♦ **Community and Fundraising** Jean-Pierre Masclef
- ♦ **Bilingual** John Hajek
- ♦ **OSHC** Vicky Wilson

FOUNDATION

In Foundation, we have been learning to work well in groups. Students have discussed what it feels like, looks like and sounds like to be a good team player. We have practised listening and sharing with each other, helping and encouraging others using kind words.

In Integrated Learning, we have developed our team work skills by building the strongest and tallest towers in small groups. In Mathematics, we have continued to use our team work skills by investigating measurement.

Congratulazioni Foundation, on showing our school value of Mutual Responsibility using the character strength of Team Work!



On Tuesday the 2nd of March, we had our first Inclusion Action Team meeting.

We wrote our statement. It is:

"We aim to educate and promote awareness in and around BSPS. We strive to create a safe space for equality and inclusiveness to thrive!"

We want other people to understand each other's problems, accept everyone's imperfections and acknowledge we are all unique.

We also want to take action on problems such as:

- ◆ racism
- ◆ homophobia
- ◆ sexism

The Inclusion Action Team wants to make BSPS a safe space for everyone!

We are excited for next week's meeting and to celebrate International Women's Day on the 9th of March.

Stay tuned for more updates from us,

The Inclusion Action Team



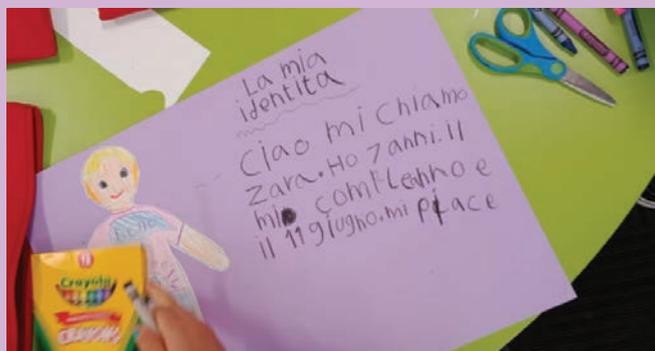
INCLUSION ACTION TEAM

YEARS 1/2

Literacy

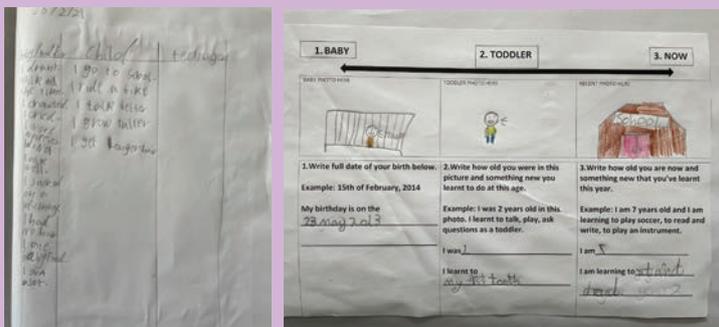
This term in literacy we have been learning about informative texts.

In Italian, we have been learning about 'la nostra identità'. We can tell you all about ourselves: we have discovered that many of us love 'gelato al cioccolato', and a few less of us like 'i broccoli!' We also have a 'passaporto' now. It tells you everything about 'i nostri occhi, i nostri capelli' and more!



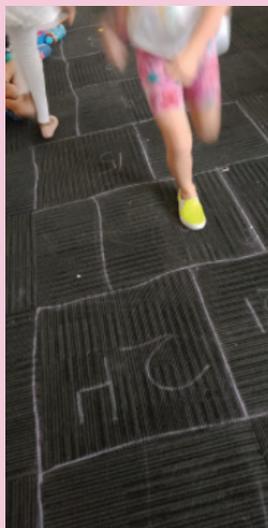
Humanities

In Humanities, we have been learning about how living things grow and change over time. We have been creating timelines of our own lives, and considering what new skills we have gained along the way.



Numeracy

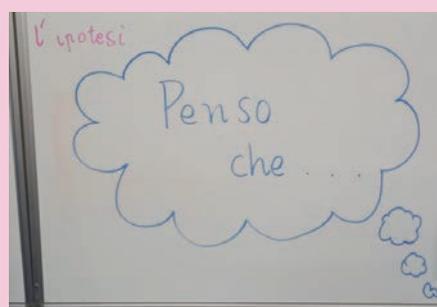
In Maths, we have been learning about number and place value. We have been working hard on our counting goals and extending our knowledge of numbers with 'numero del giorno'. Hopscotch and 'Serpenti e scale' are amazing games to play that help us learn about skip counting and number patterns!



Scienze

In scienze we have been learning about 'gli esseri viventi' and what they need to survive. 'L'esperimento del sedano' showed us that plants 'bevono', just like we do!

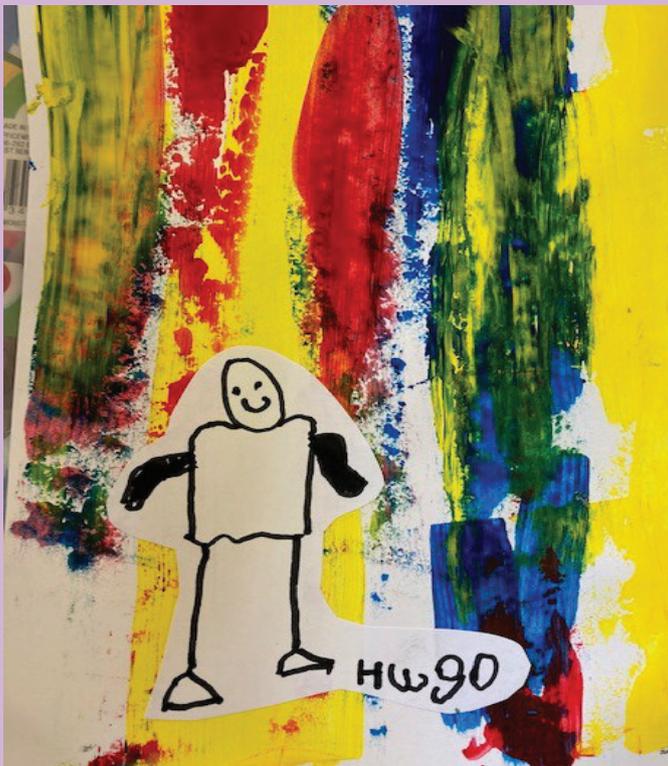
We have also been learning about foods that help us grow by reading books on 'i cibi sani e i cibi non sani'.



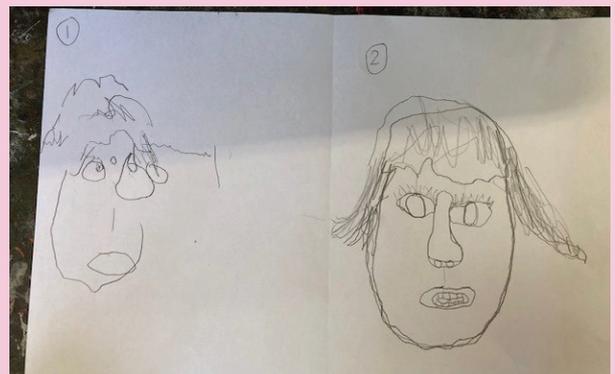
ART

Me, me, me!

First self portrait for Foundation students. No instructions, just a black sharpie. Then we played with colours and scraped paint on the page to create a colourful background. Love them!



Grade 1/2 students started exploring the concept of identity by working on observational drawing exercises. First, they had to draw their faces by looking at a mirror without looking down onto the page (DISEGNO ALLA CIECA), then they had to reproduce their faces with one continuous line (DISEGNO DI LINEA CONTINUA). Fun and challenging at the same time!



STEM

Grade 1/2s are having an awesome time investigating Minibeasts (small creatures without a vertebrate). We have been searching the schoolyard to see where different Minibeasts live, and have been pleased to find lots of spiders, slaters, centipedes and millipedes under the rocks and logs on the periphery of the school grounds. Last week, we discovered some larva and also happened upon a very large metallic wasp that we think is a Blue Flower Wasp (see below). After 2 weeks of searching we also found a bit of moist soil containing some worms! Hurrah! They were much larger and darker than the compost worms in the worm farm. Did you know that there are approximately 1000 species of earthworms in Australia?

During Term 1, the **Foundation** students are building towers out of a range of different materials. We call the towers our 'Teddy Towers', as we always create a little spot at the top of the tower for our Teddy to sit and admire the view. So far, we have made towers out of buttons and play dough, rocks, Lego, tubes and cardboard. We discovered that cardboard and tubes are by far the best materials for building teddy towers as they are quick to erect, provide ample room for teddy gatherings and can carry a lot of weight!

I have really enjoyed getting to know all of the foundation students and watch them grow in confidence as they get to know me and become familiar with the workings of the STEM room. What a great start to the year!



COMMUNITY NOTICES

WHAT'S ON TERM 1



BRUNSWICK SOUTH PRIMARY



Come join our **BIGGEST** Term 1 celebration! So many kids missed out on celebrating their birthdays in 2020. So, we are inviting **EVERYONE** to celebrate the **BIGGEST BIRTHDAY PARTY** with us! Dance, eat cake & play games @March 10th - After School Care – Book NOW

CHECK OUT THE **HFC HUB** PACKED WITH **FUN ACTIVITIES**

hawthornfc.com.au/teamkids



TeamKids and Hawthorn Football Club have joined to bring you immersive family content, designed to inspire with ideas for at-home activities, to teach through player-driven sporting skills, and to entertain with fun videos for kids to enjoy and engage with.

A PARTNERSHIP **FUN** FOUNDED ON



BEFORE, AFTER+ HOLIDAY CARE



EPIC CLUBS



SAFE + FUN ENVIRONMENT



FUN + ENGAGING EDUCATORS



YUMMY FOOD

See you soon!



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The TeamKids Podcast



You're Invited!



teamkids.com.au/venues

ARRIVAL TIME

Please ensure children are signed in no later than 9am.

**Booking and cancellations**

Bookings are subject to availability and may be placed/amended until 11:59 pm the night prior to attendance via your TeamKids online account. An additional fee of \$5 per child applies to bookings made inside 7 days of attending. Cancellations must be received before 8am the day prior to attendance. If inside this time frame, full fee will be charged.

**Pack a Healthy Lunch**

A delicious, nutritious, morning and afternoon tea are provided in all programs. Children are required to bring a packed lunch and refillable water bottle.

When packing your child's lunch, please consider that some children in attendance have been diagnosed with food allergies or the risk of anaphylaxis.

**Medical Information?
Have a Plan**

If your child has Asthma, Anaphylaxis, an Allergy or any other medical condition, upload plans to your TeamKids account and bring along a completed Risk Minimisation Form, found on our website. Please provide required medications to your venue coordinator on the first day of attendance - In their original packaging, clearly labelled with your child's name and a use-by date.

**Please note children are unable to attend our venues without their in date medication and action plans.

**Receiving child care Subsidy**

After your TeamKids booking is placed, you must log into your MyGov account to check you have a confirmed enrolment.

**Extended Hours of operation**

During the school holidays, our customer service team are available from 7:00 am till 6:30 pm.

**What to wear**

At TeamKids we love to get outside, so please remember to pack a hat - clearly labelled and wear suitable footwear for running around. Where possible avoid wearing thongs and open-toed shoes.

Ideally, please apply sunscreen before coming to the program, and the children will reapply later in the day. If your child is susceptible or reacts to different sunscreens, please bring your own sunscreen and bring this to the attention of our educators. The Cancer Council recommends using a high protection sunscreen (Minimum SPF 30) with a high UVA rating (4-star minimum)

**Electronic Sign-in/out**

All TeamKids venues require electronic sign in/out. Any person signing your child in or out from TeamKids care MUST be listed on your TeamKids account and know your TeamKids account pin number, if this has been activated. These details can be updated via your TeamKids account at any time.

**Double check TeamKids Room Location**

It is very important to double check our website prior to attending, in case of a room change. We are sometimes required to temporarily change rooms due to school building maintenance over the school holidays. Last minute changes will be announced via SMS to attending families.

**Additional Needs**

For new families, our TeamKids Inclusion Team will discuss attendance options for children with additional needs before they attend. Please contact Customer Service on 1300 035 000.

Please note: We require a minimum of four weeks' notice for funding applications for children requiring an extra staff member to help support their time with us. Places cannot be guaranteed if less notice is given.

Please call with any questions: 1300 035 000



BEST PROGRAM EVER

5 th APR · MON	6 th APR · TUE	7 th APR · WED	8 th APR · THU	9 th APR · FRI
	<p>CARNIVAL CAPERS</p> <p>+ WOODEN DOMINOES</p> <p>We're clowning around at the TeamKids circus with Carnival Capers! We all have a front row ticket to play Lion Tamer, try our luck with the Balancing Act game & create Circus Tent Craft to take home.</p>	<p>GRAVITRAX</p> <p>+ STRAW LOOMS</p> <p>Today, we're mastering GraviTrax, the new epic marble run. It's so cool you won't want to put it down! We'll choose from a variety of tiles, levels & tracks to propel our gravity spheres to the finish line.</p>	<p>MOVIE - TOM & JERRY</p> <p>+ TEAMKIDS JET</p> <p>TeamKids is getting the show on the road & we're bringing the popcorn too! We're off to the movies to see the hilarious Tom & Jerry. What will our favourite cat & mouse get up to this time? *Allergy alert, popcorn provided.</p>	<p>BALL-ISTIC BALL GAMES</p> <p>+ TWIRLY WIG WAGS</p> <p>Who's ready to have a ball with Ball-istic Ball Games? TeamKids is ready for you, sporting superstars! There'll be catching, throwing, bouncing & bowling activities galore in this fitness-based workshop.</p>
	Base Fee \$66.00 Exp Fee** \$7.00 Daily Total \$73.00	Base Fee \$66.00 Exp Fee** \$16.00 Daily Total \$82.00	Base Fee \$66.00 Exp Fee** \$30.00 Daily Total \$96.00	Base Fee \$66.00 Exp Fee** \$17.00 Daily Total \$83.00
	After Max CCS* \$10.95	After Max CCS* \$12.30	After Max CCS* \$14.40	After Max CCS* \$12.45

12 th APR · MON	13 th APR · TUE	14 th APR · WED	15 th APR · THU	16 th APR · FRI
<p>KITCHEN WORKSHOP</p> <p>+ SUPER ROCKETS</p> <p>We're cooking up something awesome at TeamKids with Kitchen Workshop! We'll play the Bump, Set, Spike game, experiment with Exploding Sandwich Bags & create some whirling DIY Kaleidoscopes to take home.</p>	<p>JURASSIC ADVENTURE</p> <p>+ DUCT TAPE WALLET</p> <p>Are you ready to rock, mini palaeontologists? Today, we're going on a Jurassic Adventure! Together, we'll dig for dinosaur fossils & unearth secrets hidden for millions of years. We can't wait for you to join us!</p>	<p>WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO</p> <p>+ BARNYARD ROUND-UP GAME</p> <p>Today, TeamKids is ahead of the pack because we're exploring Werrabee Open Range Zoo! We'll take a stroll through the African River Trail to spot as many lions, cheetahs, hippos & monkeys as possible. *Closed-toed shoes required.</p>	<p>NACHO FIESTA</p> <p>+ KANGAROOS & CROCS GAME</p> <p>Hola, it's a Nacho Fiesta! We'll start with tasty corn chips & pile the toppings high before enjoying a delicious Mexican-inspired feast. *Allergy alert. *GF & Vegan options available. Please select when booking.</p>	<p>WITCHES & WIZARDS</p> <p>+ ROBOT RACERS</p> <p>Let's grab our broomsticks & fly on into TeamKids because we're transforming into Witches & Wizards! We'll play Dobby Sock Toss, create drawings of Magical Creatures & shape Wizard Statues to take home.</p>
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*Child Care Subsidies may apply. \$5 Admin Fee per family. \$5 Late Fees apply within 7 days per child. Payment plans available.

**Experience/Activity Fee. Programs may be subject to change. Third Party Payment Fees apply. See Terms and Conditions for cancellation policy.



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